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ABSTRACTS OF VIRGINIA LAND PATENTS.

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(521) CAPTAIN FRANCIS HOOKE [1], 100 acres in Elizabeth City county, upon the Strawberry Banks; bounded on the N. W. by a creek next to the fort field, on the south by the main river, on the east, by the land of Thomas Oldis [2], and north-west by the land of John Neale; said land being in the tenure and possession of Robert Partin, and Gresham Covell, and due to the said Hooke by assignment from Captain Thomas Purifye, upon record under this patent. The said land having been formerly granted to Purifye, and now granted by Harvey, August 9, 1637.

Deed for this land, dated May 16, 1637, from Purifye to Hooke. Witnesses: Robert Evelin [3], John Redman.

NOTES.

[1] See this Magazine, III, 22.

[2] Thomas Oldis was "commissioner" (justice) of Elizabeth City county in 1639, and a member of the House of Burgesses in the same year (*Robinson's Notes*). There were others of the name in Virginia; but apparently of another emigration. In 1665, William Oldis and Jane his wife, of Nansemond county, made an assignment of a tract of land, recorded in Isle of Wight, and in the latter county is a deed, dated June 5, 1668, from Valentine Oldis, citizen and apothecary, of London, to his brother William Oldis, of James river in Virginia, merchant.

[3] Robert Evelin or Evelyn, younger son of Robert Evelyn, of Long Ditton, was born in London, January 31, 1592-3, entered at the Middle Temple 1620, emigrated to Virginia and Maryland in 1634; in 1637 returned to England; but came again to Virginia in the same year, when he was appointed Surveyor General of the Colony. His name last appears in 1649. He was the author of a letter descriptive of "New Albion," printed in "A Descrip-

tion of the Province of New Albion." See "The Evelyns in America," by G. D. Scull, Oxford 1881.

(522) CAPTAIN FRANCIS HOOKE, ESQ., of the council of State; 50 acres in Elizabeth City county, commonly called Pascall's Neck, lying south upon Point Comfort Creek, east upon Fox Hill, west upon the Indian Stone [1]. Due him by assignment from Mary, widow of Thomas Branstead. Granted by Harvey, August 10, 1637.

NOTE.

[1] Fox Hill is still a well known locality in Elizabeth City; but can any one tell what the "Indian Stone" was.

(523) JOHN CHEW, gent., 500 acres in the county of Charles River, bounded on the north by the river, east by English's Creek, W. by N. by Clarkson's Creek. Granted him by an order of Council [1] for the adventure of himself and nine persons (names not given) to Charles River. Granted by Harvey, August 6, 1637.

NOTE.

[1] At this time, in order to promote settlement along Charles River (York) River, special grants of land were made.

(524) WILLIAM PRIOR, gent., 300 acres in Charles River county, bounded on the northeast by the river, and on the west by south by the land of Captain Richard Townsend [1], and west by north by his own land. Due for the adventure of himself and 5 persons (names below) the first year to Charles River. Granted by Harvey, August 11, 1637.

William Prior, gent., Mrs. Margaret Prior, uxor., Thomas Dilloe, Jeffery Merchant, George Leigh, Rice Davis.

NOTE.

[1] Richard Townshend, member of the Virginia Council 1636-45. See *Hayden's Virginia Genealogies*, 732.

(525) BRIDGES FREEMAN, 900 acres in the county of James

City, on the west side of Chickahominy River, opposite the land formerly granted him and Francis Fowler, and adjoining the place commonly called the "Piring point" [?]. Due for the transportation of 18 persons (names below). Granted by Harvey, August 11, 1637.

David Minton, Wm. Wilshere, Jon. Bridge, Dawson [?] Jones, William Nutt, Francis Aldridge, Mathew Williamson, Catherine Leonard, Jeremy Stone, Eliza. Hart, Richard Sanders, Thomas Smith, James Rigeson, Eliza. Hodges, Mercy Seawell, Jon. Burden, Robert Flood, William Elkton.

(526) BRIDGES FREEMAN, 100 acres on Chickahominy. Due for the transportation of Henry Scott, and Richard Wested [?] a servant. Granted by Harvey, August 12, 1637.

(527) MARGARETT ROGERS, widow, 500 acres in the upper county of New Norfolk; 300 acres being bounded northerly upon Crosse Creek, butting upon the land lately belonging to Thos. Jordan; the other 200 acres adjoining said land towards the reedy swamp. Due for the transportation of 10 persons (names below) who were transported by her deceased husband, Edward Rogers; but if her child, which is expected to be born lives, the land is to revert to said child. Granted by Harvey, August 14, 1637.

Jane Davis, Christ. Thorpe, Nicholas White, Jon. Bordman, Jon. Howe, Thos. Bulmur, Randal Jacobson, Peter Eaton, Elizabeth Joanes, Francis Champins.

(528) MARGARETT ROGERS, widow, 200 acres in the upper county of New Norfolk, on Cross Creek; 100 acres adjoining the land lately belonging to Thos. Jordan, and the other 100 lying on the north side of the creek. Due by assignment from Richard Freeland to her deceased husband, Edward Rogers, with same proviso as preceeding patent. Granted by Harvey, August 14, 1637.

Assignment by Richard Freeland [mark] to Edward Rogers, June 9, 1636. Witnesses: Thos. Cocke, John Horne.